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THE Abbot du Bois, Secretary of State, has written a Circular Letter to the ſeveral foreign Miniſters reſiding at this Court, and particularly to the Earl of Stair, His Britannick Majeſty's Ambaſſadour, the Copy of which follows;

My LORD, *Paris, Dec.* 10.

AS what paſſed Yeſterday with relation to the Prince de Cellamare, will doubtleſs excite the publick Attention, and as the King is deſirous to make known the Motives of his Reſolutions when they may concern Sovereign Powers; His Majeſty has commanded me to acquaint your Excellency, that it was not till after there were found, by an unexpected Accident, in a Packet which the Prince de Cellamare had entruſted to a Perſon who was going to Spain, Proofs under that Ambaſſadour's own Hand, of his Abuſe of the Character with which he is veſted, in inciting the King's Subjects to a Revolt; and the Plan of the Conſpiracy which he had formed, to deſtroy the Government and Tranquility of the whole Kingdom; that his Majeſty was induced to take the Reſolution to put him under the Guard of one of the Gentlemen in ordinary of his Houſhold, and to oblige him to ſeal up with his own Seal, jointly with that of his Royal Highneſs the Regent, the Papers of his Embaſſy, to prevent their being conveighed out of the way. This is what His Majeſty has ordered me to ſignify to your Excellency, that you may inform the King your Maſter of it, till what ariſes from this important Diſcovery be ſet forth in its full Light. I can at the ſame time aſſure your Excellency, that the indiſpenſible Neceſſity of taking Care on this Occaſion of the Tranquility of the People, was the only Motive that could have wrought upon his Majeſty to ſecure himſelf, by the Meaſures he has taken, againſt the dangerous Practices of the Prince of Cellamare; and that it was not without great Repugnance he prevailed with himſelf to take this Reſolution, though it be accompanied with all the Regard and all the Marks of Conſideration poſſible for the Ambaſſadour of a Prince, whoſe Friendſhip will be ever dear to him, and who is incapable of entring into ſuch pernicious Deſigns. I beg your Excellency to believe that I am intirely, my Lord, your Excellency's moſt humble and moſt obedient Servant,

DU BOIS.

Paris, Dec. 14. The following Piece has been publiſhed here by Authority.

That

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THAT the Publick may be informed upon what Grounds his Majeſty took the Reſolution the 9th of this preſent Month, to ſend home the Prince of Cellamare, Ambaſſadour of the King of Spain, and to order one of the Gentlemen in ordinary of his Houſehold to accompany him to the Frontier of Spain, the Copies are printed of two Letters from that Ambaſſadour to Cardinal Alberoni, of the 1ſt and 2d of this Month, ſigned by the ſaid Ambaſſadour, and written all with his own Hand, and without Cypher, viz.

LETTERS

From the Prince de Cellamare the King of Spain's Ambaſſadour in France, one of which had this Superſcription, *Para S. Em^a, for his Eminency*, and the other, *En mano propria de S Em^a. to be delivered into his Eminency's own Hand.* Each of them being incloſed in a Cover which had no Superſcription.

Em.^mo e Rev.^o Sig.^re mio Prone Col.^mo

HO ſtimato più neceſſaria la cautela della ſollecitudine nel preſcegliere il modo di tranſmettere a V. E. l' accluſe ſcritture, e pero ho poſto queſto piego in mano di D. Vincenzo Portocarrero fratello del Conte del Montijo, che paſſa coſtì, incaricandoli con ſomma premura di conſegnarlo all' E. V. è l'ho ſigillato doppiamente, e munito con due ſopracarte. Trovara V. E. in eſſo due minute diverſe di Manifeſti, ſegnate con li numeri 10 e 20, le quali anno diſteſe li noſtri operarii, credendo che quando ſi abbia da metter fuoco alla mina, abbiano di ſervire di preliminare dell' incendio. Una di eſſe e correlativa alle iſtanze della Natione Franceſe, delle quali mandai un eſemplare con il mio corriero ſtraordinario a V. E. L'altra ſenza aver rapporto alle ſopra mentouate iſtanze, eſpone gli aggravii alli quali ſogiace queſto Regno, appoggiando ſu queſto fondamento le riſolutioni di S. M. e cercando la convocatione delli Stati. In caſo che per noſtra diſgratia ſiamo coſtretti di ricorrere a gl' eſtremi rimedii, e di dar principio alle impreſe, converrà, che S. M. eligga una di queſte due vie, e che riconoſca la ſcrittura ſegnata n. 30, nella quale li noſtri partiali ſi avanzano à riverentemente proporli tutti quelli mezzi, che ſtimano confacenti, anzi neceſſarii per l'adempimento de noſtri deſiderii, per evitare i malori che ſi prevedano imminenti, e per aſſicurare

Moſt Eminent and Reverend Lord my moſt Honoured Patron.

I Have judged it more neceſſary to uſe Precaution, than Expedition, in chooſing the Means of conveighing to your Eminency the incloſed Papers; wherefore I have put this Packet into the Hands of Don Vincenzo Portocarrero, Brother to the Count of Montijo, who is going to you, charging him very carefully to deliver it to your Eminency, and I have double ſealed it, and put it under two Covers. Your Eminency will find in it two different Minutes of Manifeſtoes, marked with the Numbers 10 and 20, which our Workmen have drawn up, believing that when all is ready for ſpringing the Mine, they may ſerve for a Prelude to the Fire. One of theſe Minutes is conformable to the Inſtances of the French Nation, of which I ſent a Copy to your Eminency by my extraordinary Courier. The other, without having Relation to thoſe Inſtances, ſets forth the Grievances which this Kingdom is under, placing on that Foundation his Majeſty's Reſolutions, and requiring the convening of the States. In caſe it ſhould be our Misfortune to be obliged to have Recourſe to Extremities, and to begin the Enterprizes, it will be convenient his Majeſty ſhould chuſe one of

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rare la vita di S. M. C.ma & il publico riposo. La ſcrittura ſegnata No. 40. è un compendio di varie coſe accadute in tempo di altre minorità, il quale può ſervire d'iſtruzzione valevole à regolare molte di quelle miſure, che nel caſo preſente ſi devono prendre. Per ultimo mando à V. E. nelli fogli ſeparati con il n. 45. un catalogo delli nomi, e delle qualità di tutti quelli officiali franceſi, che cercano impiego nel Servizio di S. M. e con viſta di tutte queſte memorie potrà V. E. conſultare, & il Rè riſolvere quello che ſtimerà più conf.cente al ſuo ſervizio. Se la guerra e le violenze ci coſtringano à metter mano à ferri, biſognara farlo prima, che ci indeboliſcano l'inſulti ; e prima che li noſtri operarii perdano il corraggio, ſenza riſparmiare ne il tempo, ne le offerte, ne il danaro. Se ſaremo coſtretti ad accett re una pace ſimulata per mantenere qui il fuoco ſotto le ceneri, biſognara pure darli qualche moderato alimento, e ſe la divina miſericordia diſtruggeſſe le geloſie, e le m.le ſodisfazioni preſenti, baſtarà per obbligo di gratitudine protegere, e favorire quelli capi principali, che al preſente con tanto zelo s'intereſſano nel ſervizio de noſtri Padroni, e diſprezando i loro pericoli. Fin che S. M. non pigli riſoluzioni deciſive, io procuro mantener viva la loro buona volontà, e l' allontano da tutti l' impegni, e riverendemente mi raſſegno dell' E. V.

Parigi 1o. di Dec. 1718.

P. S. Oltre tutte le ſopramentouate ſcritture, rimetto à V. E. quella ſegnata con il n. 50. nella quale ſi dilucida la forza, & il valore delle due minute diverſe delli Manifeſti, e prevengo à V. E. che a riguardo delle Variazioni occorſe, ſi è penſato ſcoſtarſi da

thoſe two Ways, and that he ſhould examine the Paper marked N° 30. in which our Party take the Liberty to propoſe to him, with Reſpect, all the Means which they judge convenient, or rather neceſſary for accompliſhing our Deſires, for avoiding the Calamities which are perc ived to be coming on, and for ſecuring the Life of his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, and the publick Quiet. The Paper marked N° 40, is an Abſtract of various Things which happened in the Time of other Minorities; it may ſerve as a ſufficient Inſtruction for regulating many of thoſe Meaſures which ought to be taken in the preſent Caſe. Laſtly, I ſend your Eminency, in ſeparate Sheets marked N° 45, a Liſt of the Names and Qualities of all thoſe French Officers, who deſire Employment in his Majeſty's Service. And after your Eminency has read all theſe Papers, you may give your Advice upon them, and the King may take ſuch Reſolutions as he ſhall judge moſt conducive to his Service. If War and Violences compel us to put our Hand to the Work, we ought to do it before the Attacks made upon us have weakened us, and before our Workmen loſe Courage, without ſticking at Time, Offers, or Money. If we be obliged to accept a feigned Peace, it will be neceſſary for keeping the Fire alive here under the Aſhes, to ſupply it with ſome moderate Fuel; and if the Divine Mercy ſhould allay the preſent Jealouſies and Diſſatisfactions, leſs cannot be done, in Gratitude due from us, than to protect and favour the Principal Leaders, who now labour with ſo much Zeal for the Service of our Maſters, deſpiſing the Dangers to which they are expoſed. In the mean while, and till his Majeſty takes deciſive Reſolutions, I do my Part to keep up their good Diſpoſition, and I divert whatever might abate it. I am with Reſpect your Eminency's, *&c.*

Paris, December 1, 1718.

P. S. Beſides the Papers above-mentioned, I tranſmit to your Eminency that marked N° 50, which ſets forth the Strength and Weight of the two different Minutes of the Manifeſtoes; and I acquaint your Eminency, that becauſe of the

da quella che io mandai con l'eſpreſſo con data del po. di Agoſto. Emo. e Rmo. S. P. O. N. P. di Cellamare.

Em.o e Rev. Sig.re mio Prone Col.mo.

IL principale autore de noſtri diſegni m' incaricò premuroſamente meſi ſono, d'inesaminare à V. E. l' accluſa lettera, e di accompagnare con officii e con atteſtationi viviſſime le iſtanze di Mr. . . . io ho dilatato queſta commiſſione ſi che non ho havuto ſicura occaſione di non eſporre a qualche pericolo il ſecreto ; e preſentemente dirò a V. E. che ſento parlare di queſto ſoggetto come di perſona di gran merito ; e che l'intereſſe che tutto il Partito prende nelle ſue convenienze è grande. Mi e ſtato pure propoſto l'introdurre nel ſervizio di S. M. Mr. .... huomo di qualità ; e perche viene raccommandato da noſtri operarii, l'ho diſtinto del commune catalogo che tranſmetto a V. E. In oltre queſti ſignori mi anno detto, che poſſono diſporre della volontà di Mr. . . . . che è quello il quale fù qui dal Regente chiamato per commovere, ſecondi eſſi affermano, li Michcletti di Catalogna, e vorrebbero aſſicurarſene maggiormente con qualche gratificatione annuale, o ſia Penzione.

Memore delle riſpoſte che V. E. diede alle mie propoſizioni del 1o. di Agoſto paſſato, devo ſignificarli che le credenziali che ſi cercavano erano da applicarſi alle offerte, alle richieſte, e alle propoſizioni che ſecondo le congiunture doveſſi io fare alli Parlamenti, al corpo della Nobiltà & alli Stati generali, e che pero dovevano eſſer diſteſe come in forma di Plenipotenza, la quale dovrebbe nello ſteſſo tempo eſſere limitata da iſtruzzioni di S. M. per mio governo.

Quando ſi abbia da metter mani à ferri, biſognarà che S. M. ſcriva à tutti li Parlamenti in quella conformità che ha gia fatto a quello di Parigi, la di cui Lettera reſta depoſitata nelle mie mani, e par la via ordinaria

the Changes which have happened, it has been thought proper to ſet aſide that which I ſent by Expreſs dated the 1ſt of Auguſt. Your Eminency's moſt humble, *&c.* *N.* Prince of *Cellamare.*

Moſt Eminent and Reverend Lord my moſt Honoured Patron.

THE Principal Author of our Deſigns charged me earneſtly, ſome Months ago, to forward to your Eminency the incloſed Letter, and to accompany the Inſtances of M . . . . with the warmeſt Recommendations and good Offices. I deferred Executing this Commiſſion, till I had a ſafe Opportunity, without expoſing the Secret to any Danger. I will now acquaint your Eminency, that I hear this Perſon talked of, as one of great Merit ; and that the Concern the whole Party have for his Intereſts, is great. It has been propoſed to me, to introduce into his Majeſty's Service M . . . . a Man of Quality ; and becauſe he is recommended to me by our Workmen, I have diſtinguiſhed him from the general Liſt which I ſend to your Eminency. Further, theſe Gentlemen have told me, that they can influence *M.* . . . , who is the Perſon that was ſent for hither by the Regent, to excite, as they affirm, the Miquelets of Catalonia to riſe, and they would make themſelves yet more ſure of him by ſome Annual Gratification or Penſion.

As to the Anſwers which your Eminency made to my Propoſitions of the 1ſt of Auguſt laſt, I am to acquaint you, that the Credentials which were deſired, were to be made uſe of with the Offers, the Demands, and the Propoſitions, which I ſhould make, as Occaſion might ſerve, to the Parliaments, to the Body of the Nobility, and to the States General of the Kingdom ; and for this End they were to be drawn up in the Form of a Full Power, which ſhould at the ſame Time be limited by his Majeſty's Inſtructions for my Conduct.

When 'tis Time to ſet our Hands to the Work, it will be neceſſary for his Majeſty to write to all the Parliaments, conformably to the Letter which he has already written to the Parliament of Paris,

naria mandarò à V. E. un catalogo del numero delli detti Parlamenti e del modo come devono regolarsi le soprascritte.

Potrebbe durante le presenti borasche accadere, il che Dio non voglia, qualche disgratia a S. M. Ch.ma e supplico V. E. di riflettere, che mancando la vita pretiosa di questo Monarca, io mi trovarei confuso, mancandomi le necessarie istruzzioni per operare. Potrebbe altresi accadere che il S.r Duca di Orleans venisse à mancare, nel qual caso mi troverei pure in gravissime perturbationi, in ordine al nuovo metodo che potrebbe la Regenza prendere, e che si dovesse o no per parte di S. M. facilitare.

Il S.r Duca di Chiartres potrebbe pretendere entrare nel luogo del Padre, e per vincer gl' ostacoli della sua tenera età, sottoporsi ad un Conseglio consimile a quello che aveva nel suo Testamento istituito il monarca defonto. Potrebbe pure il S.r Duca di Borbone pretendere in esclusione del giovane Duca di Chiartres assumere quella autorità assoluta che presentemente il S.r Duca di Orleans esercita, & a noi conviene prevedere questi casi e prescegliere quelli partiti che sono più utili per il servizio di S. M. Li di cui affettionati servitori Francesi inclinano piu al primo che al secondo, & io riverentemente mi rassegno di V. E.

Parigi 2. di Dec.re 1718. Devot.mo e Ubbid. serv.re N. P.e di CELLAMARE.

ris, and which remains depoſited in my Hands; and I will ſend by the ordinary Way to your Eminency, a Liſt of the Number of the ſaid Parliaments, and the Form to be obſerved in the Superſcriptions.

In the preſent Commotions ſome Misfortune, which God avert, might befall his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty; and I beſeech your Eminency to reflect that if the precious Life of this Monarch ſhould come to fail, I ſhould be embarraſſed, for want of neceſſary Inſtructions to act. It might alſo happen, that the Duke of Orleans might come to fail, in which Caſe I ſhould be in very great Perplexity on Account of the new Form which the Regency might take, and of thoſe Deſigns which it might be convenient for his Majeſty to facilitate or not.

The Duke of Chartres might pretend to ſtep into his Father's Place, and for removing the Objections to his Youth, ſubmit to a Council like that which the late King had conſtituted by his Will. The Duke of Bourbon might likewiſe pretend, in Excluſion of the young Duke of Chartres, to the abſolute Authority which the Duke of Orleans now exerciſes; and it behoves us to foreſee theſe Caſes, and to fall in with that Party which will beſt promote his Majeſty's Service. His zealous French Servants, are more inclined to the firſt than to the ſecond.

I am with Reſpect,
Your Eminency's
Moſt Devoted and moſt
Paris, 2 Dec. Obedient Servant
1718. N. Prince of Cellamare.

When the King's Service, and the neceſſary Precautions for the Security and Quiet of the State will permit the publiſhing of the Projects, Manifeſtoes and Pieces referred to in theſe two Letters, all the Particulars will appear of the deteſtable Conſpiracy laid by the ſaid Ambaſſadour, to make a Revolution in the Kingdom.

Whitehall,